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Community Members Encouraged to “Name Our Library”

Houston, Texas May 03, 2021) – Name your library! Houston Public Library Executive Director Rhea Lawson, Vice Mayor Pro Tem Martha Castex-Tatum and the library naming committee are inviting the community to participate in the naming of the new state-of-the-art library to be located at 5505 Belrose Drive, Houston, TX 77035.

Construction of the new library is expected to begin in the third quarter of 2021 and will be completed by the end of 2022.

Libraries are invaluable to communities by bringing people together and connecting them to a wealth of resources. Libraries offer more than just books; they provide FREE access to technology and computers, classes and events, and along with other vital services, they provide a place for people to connect with their neighbors. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Martha Castex-Tatum, who represents the district where the newest library is scheduled for construction, is excited to provide this naming opportunity to the surrounding community.

“The naming of this library is an opportunity to define the personality and character of a space that will ultimately become a beloved community hub. Names have significance and we want an ideal name for this highly anticipated building that will foster learning, gathering, and exploring,” said Castex-Tatum.

If you have a suggested name for the library, we want to hear from you. Your suggested name, and a support statement in 250 words or less, can be submitted using the form link: <https://forms.gle/sbriBubKuKKTgFvVA>. Individuals may submit one name for the library accompanied by their support statement. The naming suggestion period will last until 5pm on Monday, May 24, 2021. The library naming committee will narrow the suggested names to 3-5 choices and conduct a city-wide poll of the top choices to assist with the narrowing of the name suggestions. The top 3 names will be sent to the library board of directors for review and a final decision will be announced shortly thereafter.

The Library Naming Committee is made up of area residents from Westbury, Brays Oaks, Hiram Clarke and Meyerland. Two members of the Houston Public Library system, District K and District C City Council staff are supporting the committee.

Library Naming Committee Members:

Susan Shafer, former librarian at Parker Elementary School
Katherine Wingfield, Secretary Westbury Civic Club, resident and parent
Shawn Rushing, Hiram Clarke resident and community education advocate
Sheronda Sweet, Brays Oaks resident and parent
Art Pronin, Civic Leader in Westbury and Meyerland
Jennifer Edmondson, Westbury Civic Club office manager, resident and parent
Barbara Kile, Former librarian at Rice University, Meyerland resident
Elaine Britt, Board Member of Meyerland Community Improvement Association

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